

☆☆ **THE PRICE RECORD ON IMMIGRATION** ☆☆

It is no wonder immigration reform ranks as one of the highest priorities of the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia – the most recent estimate pegs the illegal alien population in the United States at 20 million. Approximately one-quarter of a million illegal aliens claim safe haven in the State of Georgia. The citizens of Georgia are fed up with rampant lawlessness and lax enforcement by the Federal government. Rep. Tom Price has been responsive to this apprehension and has taken a bold course of action in the U.S. House of Representatives.

☆☆ **Sponsoring Legislation** ☆☆

*Rep. Tom Price's plan for illegal immigration is simple – plug the holes along our borders now! No more excuses. Rep. Price's plan, the **Secure the Outside Perimeter Act (H.R. 3693)**, stipulates that the Secretary of Homeland Security must prevent all illegal border entries. And on December 16, 2005, Rep. Price's plan was incorporated into the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act, H.R. 4437, as an amendment. The incorporated plan sets a hard deadline – 18 months after enactment of the bill – to achieve complete operational control of our borders. It also grants the Secretary of Homeland Security broad discretion to complete this task – he can use any means he deems necessary. And to ensure Congress is no longer blind to the problem, the Secretary of Homeland Security must update Congress annually as it relates to progress being made.*

☆☆ **Co-Sponsoring Legislation** ☆☆

Rep. Tom Price has signed onto...

...the Citizenship Reform Act, H.R. 698. The legislation ends the “anchor baby” loop hole – a child born in the United States must have ties to this country in order to gain citizenship.

...the CLEAR Act, H.R. 3137. The legislation clarifies that state and local law enforcement officials can apprehend, detain, and remove illegal aliens in the course of their duties.

...the TRUE Enforcement and Border Security Act, H.R. 4313. The legislation is the most comprehensive enforcement package, compiled by leading minds at the Federation for American Immigration Reform, think tanks, commissions and Congress.

...the Identification Integrity Act, H.R. 925. The legislation states that federal agencies may not accept any form of identification issued by a foreign government unless it is a passport.

...the Criminal Alien Accountability Act, H.R. 3150. The legislation mandates strong minimum prison sentences for illegal aliens who violate deportation orders and the “coyotes” who smuggle them.

...the SAFE for America Act, H.R. 1219. The legislation eliminates the diversity visa lottery program.

...the Border Protection Corps Act, H.R. 3622. The legislation reimburses Border States whose governors invoke their authority to call up and organize American citizens into a Border Protection Corps. The Corps would be deployed to prevent people from entering the United States except at international border crossings.

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☆ ☆ **Key Votes** ☆ ☆

Rep. Tom Price has voted...

...to oppose efforts to halt the expedited construction of a fortified fence along the U.S.-Mexico border close to the San Diego area ([RCV 29, 2/10/05](#)).

...to pass the REAL ID Act, H.R. 418 ([RCV 31, 2/10/05](#)). The legislation tightens standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification while expediting the construction of a fortified fence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

...to pass a supplemental appropriations bill, H.R. 1268 ([RCV 161, 5/5/05](#)), which included \$97.5 million to hire and train additional investigators and Immigration Enforcement Agents and \$172 million for an additional 500 border patrol agents.

...to add five years to the sentence for any violent crime or drug trafficking offense when such an offense is committed by an illegal alien ([RCV 165, 5/11/05](#)).

...to call for a study looking at the link between illegal immigration and gang membership ([RCV 166, 5/11/05](#)).

...to deny funds to state and local governments that have restrictions on exchanging citizenship and immigration information with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ([RCV 177, 5/17/05](#)).

...to clarify that State and local law enforcement personnel can apprehend, detain, and remove illegal aliens in the course of their duties ([RCV 185, 5/18/05](#)).

...to authorize military personnel along this nation's borders in order to assist the Department of Homeland Security with border security ([RCV 214, 5/25/05](#)).

...to add \$50 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, SCAAP ([RCV 250, 6/14/05](#)). The program makes federal payments to States and localities that incur officer salary costs for incarcerating criminal aliens.

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Rep. Tom Price has voted...

...to deny State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funds to State and local governments that have restrictions on transmitting citizenship and immigration information to the Department of Homeland Security ([RCV 262, 6/16/05](#)).

...to pass a Homeland Security appropriations bill, H.R. 2360 ([RCV 512, 10/6/05](#)), which included \$7.1 billion for customs and border protection and \$3.4 billion for immigration and customs enforcement – both figures are more than the Bush Administration requested.

...to construct security fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border at certain ports of entry ([RCV 640, 12/15/05](#)).

...to eliminate the diversity visa lottery program ([RCV 653, 12/16/05](#)).

...to prohibit granting legal immigration status to an alien until after all relevant criminal databases and terrorist watch lists are checked ([RCV 654, 12/16/05](#)).

... to clarify that State and local law enforcement personnel can apprehend, detain, and remove illegal aliens in the course of their duties and to provide necessary training for the personnel at no cost to the State and local law enforcement offices ([RCV 656, 12/16/05](#)).

...to expand deportation for illegal aliens and to require federal authorities to detain all illegal aliens reported to the Department of Homeland Security by State and local law enforcement personnel ([RCV 659, 12/16/05](#)).

...to pass an “enforcement first” immigration bill, H.R. 4437 ([RCV 661, 12/16/05](#)), which included increased penalties for illegal migration and mandatory employer verification of new employees. Rep. Price’s plan, the **Secure the Outside Perimeter Act (H.R. 3693)**, was included in the legislation as an amendment.